

Group II, claims 16-17 and 21-22, drawn to metalloproteinase antibodies, classified in class 530, subclass 387.9.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 13-15 and 18-20.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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